

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 Fumiyuki HATTORI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1632
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 Application Number: 10/642,272) Examiner: Noble, Marcia Stephens
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 Filed: August 18, 2003)
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 For: THERAPEUTIC METHODS AND AGENTS FOR DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH
 DECREASED EXPRESSION OF AOP-1 GENE OR AOP-1

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
 Commissioner for Patents
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**PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND
 RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
 OF JANUARY 13, 2006**

Sir:

PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a four-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to respond to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") Office Action Restriction Requirement mailed January 13, 2006 ("the Office Action"). Accordingly, the time for response will be extended up to and including June 13, 2006. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$1,590.00 to cover the fee for the four-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for the submission of this Response. However, in the event that the USPTO requires an additional fee to enter this Response, please charge such fee to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

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